

Call for Papers for a panel/colloquium on the topic of “**Language, Mobility and the Sports Economy**”, the Sociolinguistics Symposium 21 <http://www.um.es/web/sociolinguistics-symposium21> (Murcia, June 15-18, 2016). Please circulate within your networks, but send all responses and questions to Emanuel da Silva (emanuel.dasilva@gmail.com) and Alfonso Del Percio (alfonso.delpercio@gmail.com). For more information see attached file.

Working panel abstract:

Although the academic study of sport and its intersections with national identity politics, colonial legacies, gender relations, and commercialization has grown in the fields of sociology, anthropology, and economics, especially in the last 20 to 30 years, the study of sport within sociolinguistics remains underdeveloped. This panel strives to advance critical sociolinguistic reflection on language and discourse in sport, within the complex conditions of the globalizing economy and mobility.

Starting from the assumption that circulating communicative resources (e.g. dialects, registers, styles, multilingualisms), mobile discourses (of the nation, the body, tokens of authenticity, etc.), as well as moving bodies (of sports workers, media personnel, agents and fans) are key resources of globalizing sport industries, this panel will raise the following questions:

- a) What is the status of mobile languages, discourses and bodies within the framework of a transnational sports industry? i.e., How does the professional sports economy invest in these resources? For whom? For what purposes?
- b) What are considered prestigious languages, discourses and bodies within local and globalizing sport economies? i.e., Who gets to produce, circulate and consume these resources in which commercial sports markets? Under what conditions?
- c) What tokens of expertise are mobilized to legitimize and authorize the forms of difference and inequality (re)produced by the sports industries' investment in language, discourse and mobility?

By exploring professional sport as a nexus where attitudes or ideologies of language, localism, (trans)nationalism, migration, gender, the body, labor, and profit intersect, this panel will gather sociolinguists and ethnographers working on different sectors of the sports economy to investigate how athletes, their commodifiers and their consumers negotiate relations of prestige and power.

Panel/paper details:

Ideally, we'd like the panel/colloquium to include a diversity of professional sport experiences from a diversity of regions and presenters, therefore proposals that deal with

sports other than white men in football/soccer and hockey are strongly recommended. We also welcome paper proposals from diverse but related fields of research (including sociolinguistics, linguistic anthropology, sociology/anthropology of sports, and sports economics) so as to shed light on the interrelated linguistic, discursive, social, political and economic resources in sport.

In order to fill the remaining panel slots as quickly as possible and finalize the proposal for submission, we ask that you inform us of your interest to contribute to this panel within the next few days (or by July 20 at the latest) and briefly outline, in a few sentences, the topic of the paper you would like us to consider.

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